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THE MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of TUTNALL & COBLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 7.20 p.m. in the Community Hall, Tardebigge

Present: Cllrs M Pengelly, K Tolley, L Denyer, M Ryan, S Cooper and A Wheeler-Vine In Attendance: County Councillor K Taylor, The Clerk

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Whittaker: in Germany for business: accepted

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests, and
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature, and
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: Cllr L Denyer who is a member of the Management Committee of the Community Hall.
- 3 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2013 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Denyer Seconded: Cllr Wheeler-Vine; All in agreement.

4 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Clerk: Noted

Chairman: Covered in the agenda.

District Councillor: No report.

County Councillor: Need to make additional savings of over £25m over the next few years; currently looking at non-statutory services; 600 posts could go. The new fire station will be operational in April; the Fire Brigade consultation document is out for consultation. Divisional Funds are still available but not for bricks and mortar projects.

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Looking at extending the 30mph area on Alcester Road.

Footpath Warden: Footpath 512, south east end of road near golf course, timber sign and post badly damaged probably by hedge cutting operations. Clerk to order new sign to be delivered to the Footpath Warden

Tree Warden: Nothing to report.

Conservation Officer: Nothing to report.

Community Hall Representative: Had not met.

Charities Representative: At the recent meeting funds had been allocated for a taxi service for an invalid and a few school requests. Disappointingly, no one is coming forward with actual needs and action is needed by the new vicar.

5 CORRESPONDENCE:

h) Hagley Residents Action Group: Members were updated by the County Cllr on this item and agreed the subject was only relevant to Hagley.

All items received had been previously emailed or were tabled in a folder for Councillors' inspection at the meeting and noted.

6 PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications for Consideration:

13/0733 Little Grinsty, Broad Green: Proposed stables for overnight horse accommodation. 13/0734 Little Grinsty, Broad Green: Side and first floor garage extension to provide additional accommodation to main dwelling.

13/0638 Cobley Hill Cottage, Cobley Hill: Restoration of oak parquet flooring in dining room which is coming up in places LBC.

It was resolved to comment that there were no objections to these three applications.

Approvals:

13/0462 LBC and 13/0588 Finstall House, Alcester Road: Erection of single storey extension to the rear of the house for use as a sunroom and single storey extension to a curtilage building for use as a garage.

13/0727 2 The Woodlands, Hewell Lane: Single storey permanent residential dwelling (certificate of existing lawful use / development).

Refusals: 13/0410 Whitegates, Tutnall Lane: Demolition of existing dwelling (Whitegates) and annex (Little Whitegates) and erection of replacement dwelling and annex with improved vehicular access and associated works. Reasons given: The proposed dwelling would be disproportionate to the existing building and therefore inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would result in the complete loss of a heritage asset.

Planning Matters:

Redditch Branch Enhancement Scheme: consent given on 31 October 2013 - see http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/document/2085794 for the decision.

- 7 **REINSTATEMENT OF COBLEY HILL WINDMILL:** The pump had been returned to the Chairman following the letter of termination sent by the Council. It was decided to wait and see what happened to the land sale before agreeing where the pump would be stored.
- 8 RAILINGS TO THE PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL: Cllr Wheeler-Vine updated Members following the meeting with the Conservation Officer. As the railings were being replaced and not repaired a LBC is required; this will be a lengthy process. The Earl of Plymouth Estates is happy for the Council to submit an application. The County Councillor offered to talk to the Head of BDC Planning to request a relaxation of the rules; the Clerk will submit details to him. Another option is part replacement?
- 9 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME: Tutnall Lane: the Lengthsman is to be reminded about siding out in Tutnall Close.

10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

It was agreed the Council would provide a grit bin near the junction of High House Lane / Alcester Road to assist the school walking bus.

- 11 BACKING-UP PC DOCUMENTS USING THE CLOUD: Cllr M Ryan offered to look at this issue.
- 12 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE: It was agreed a wild flower meadow sign would be erected on Pocket Park, rustic oak, not plastic; size not to infringe planning legislation. Hedge to Bowling Club: the Lengthsman would be asked again about cut and laying the hedge - the Club had requested it be left at six feet. It was noted you can currently walk through the hedge and layering would prevent access.

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Cllr Tolley agreed to provide costs for a non-flammable recycled bench and table so an application could be made for funding from the County Councillor's Divisional Fund.

- **13 DOLAN PARK HOSPITAL DISCHARGE:** The correspondence from the Environment Agency was noted.
- 14 **NEWSLETTER:** Revised routes were agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Chairman if the Birmingham Post imposed a fee for using the 1933 Hewell Grange article to confirm whether Chairman's funds could be allocated.

15 FINANCE:

To consider:

a)	Bank Balances: as at 31 October 2013 Current Account 5 April 2013 Deposit Account	£ 8,143.34 £ 3,802.76
	Total Balance	£11,946.10
b)	Receipts: Co-op Bank: Interest 4 October 2013 Bromsgrove DC: Precept	£ 0.65 £ 3,640.00 <u>£ 3,640.65</u>
	Receipts omitted from the July 2013 agenda:	
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c)	Payments for Approval:	
	S Skeys: Lengthsman Scheme	
	T&C: Sept 16 hours, Oct 16 hours Burcot: Sept 10 hours, Oct 8 hours	
	Total 50 hours @ £11 per hour = £550	
	Broad Green Mowing: 2 cuts Sept, 1 cut Oct (13 out of 14)	
	Total 3 cuts $x \pm 42 = \pm 126$	£ 676.00
	The Society of Local Council Clerks: membership renewal	£ 86.00
	H Davies: Clerk's salary for October 2013	£ 220.48
	HMRC: for October salary Total:	<u>£ 55.20</u> £1,037.68
d)	Unpresented Cheques: Worcestershire CALC	£ 5.00

- e) Outstanding Invoices: None
- f) Draft Budget for 2014/2015: Noted; there was a discussion re submitting the paperwork for this year's P3 grant.
- g) Finance Items Proposed: Cllr Denyer and Seconded: Cllr Ryan; All in agreement

16 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:

Broad Green: replacement slats for bench: Cllr Cooper will let Cllr Wheeler-Vine know the measurements so oak replacements can be ordered.

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17	PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2014:	were agreed.
	14 January	July - no meeting
	11 February	12 August
	11 March	9 September
	8 April	14 October
	13 May	11 November
	10 June	9 December

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Resolved: There will be an Ordinary Meeting at 7.20 pm on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 in the Committee Room of Tardebigge Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.26 p.m.

Signed: Chairman

10 December 2013